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Re: Application of Alain VANDERGHEYNST, Eduard PELCKMANS, Marc DE
VLEESCHHAUWER
MOX FUEL FABRICATION PROCESS FROM WEAPON PLUTONIUM
FEED
Assignee: BELGONUCLEAIRE SA
Our Ref: Q82487

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 2 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1 and 2).
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report (with the five cited references), the International Preliminary Examination Report and the certified priority document will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.



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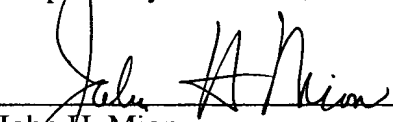
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There is no claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,



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